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GPO'S CLEVELAND BOOKSTORE TO CLOSE

The U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) plans to close its Cleveland bookstore to the public permanently on December 31, 2002. The bookstore is located in room 1653 of the Federal Office Building at 1240 E. 9th Street.

The bookstore is being closed due to significantly reduced sales resulting primarily from the public's increased ability to access Government publications free of charge over the Internet, including most prominently the more than 225,000 Government titles currently available on the GPO's own Web site, *GPO Access* (www.gpo.gov/gpoaccess). With declining book sales nationwide, GPO is making changes in its sales program, including its other bookstores. Since June 2001, GPO has closed its San Francisco, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, and Birmingham, AL, bookstores as well as one of its three stores in the Washington, DC, area. In addition to the Cleveland bookstore, the GPO bookstore in Columbus, OH, will be closed on December 31, 2002. Other closings among the 16 remaining bookstores are under consideration.

The closing of the Cleveland bookstore will not deprive residents in the Cleveland area of access to U.S. Government publications. Those wishing to buy Government books can link to the U.S. Government Online Bookstore at http://bookstore.gpo.gov. The Online Bookstore's Sales Product Catalog includes all titles available for sale and can be searched by publication title, subject, or keywords. All available titles can be ordered securely online using Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover/Novus credit cards.

U.S. Government books can also be ordered toll free by telephone from 866-512-1800, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time; by fax from 202-512-2250; or by mail from Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954. Rapid delivery is available using FedEx.

Cleveland area residents can also continue to locate and use U.S. Government books as well as online Government information free of charge in any of their local Federal depository libraries open to the public. In the Cleveland area, these Federal depository collections are located at:

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